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Part 1.e. (continued): On line 4 of claim 1 of the 04 January 2005 amendment, there is a typographical error due to the omission of the word "that" between the words "component" and "receive." Please note the lack of the word "that" would cause lines 4-6 of claim 1 to be a method step, so claim 1 would be a single-means claim. However, the presence of "that" in claim 1 cures that defect.



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